

Year 6 Spring Term 1 Newsletter

What your child will be learning this term:

Curriculum

We will begin this term with our History focus on How World War Two impacted our local area. We will be looking at how the war started and which countries were involved. We will be learning how the war affected home-life, rationing and children.

In Numeracy, we will be working on calculations, solving real life problems, shape and space, measures and data handling. We are really starting to focus on key skills and getting ready for SATs and any help or work you can do at home with your child, especially revision of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), and times tables and division facts will be a great help to your child.

Our Literacy unit this half-term is based on 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. We will do a variety of writing including: a character description, letter writing, a diary entry and finishing off the unit with our own story about a child in WW2. We will be continuing to focus on the writing cycle of planning, drafting, editing and finally producing a piece of work to a presentation standard. We will also have a major focus on understanding texts and comprehension, preparing children for the SATs Reading paper.

During RE this term, we will be learning about Hinduism: what it means to be a Hindu and the Hindu use of images. Our focus in Science for the first half term is Light. We will be investigating how light splits in to the visual spectrum and also how light creates shadows.

If you are not sure about the help you can give your child to revise, we can recommend the series of CGP SATs revision, which can be purchased at www.cgp.co.uk.

Trips / Visitors / Experiences for the term

- World War Two experience (Chertsey Museum Visiting) Tuesday 31st January
- Safer Internet Day Tuesday 7th February
- Parent's Evening Wednesday 8th and 9th February

Home Learning

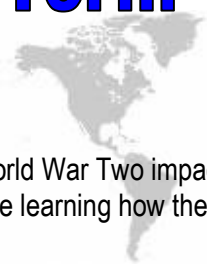
All children should have a bag in which to carry their reading book and homework.



It is important that your child reads each day at home and that an adult hears them read. They should read for at least 15 minutes and a signature and comment should be made in their contact book about how they got on.

Please also ensure that your child practices their times table, as these are key to all the Maths concepts that they need for SATs! Our spelling focus for the term will be sent home shortly and these spelling rules will be practiced throughout the week. It is important that children learn the spelling rules to help them with their Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling SATs.

We saw some great Home Learning project books on Ancient China last term. The best ones had a mixture of word-processed, hand written and drawn pictures, which showed clearly that a lot of time, effort and pride had been taken and that the children had really learned something at home. We look forward to seeing some equally good projects on World War Two.



Home/School Contact

We ask that if you wish to contact us you do this through our home/school contact books or make an appointment through the school office.

Behaviour

We have an Assertive Discipline Behaviour Policy at Stanwell Fields which lays down very clearly for each child the behaviour which is expected and the rewards which will be given. Our Golden Rules are quite simple:

School Rule

Stanwell Fields has now adopted a new school rule: Respect.

All classes have then taken this and adapted to create a set of classroom rules.



Uniform	
Boys	Girls
Grey trousers or shorts Royal blue sweatshirt White school shirt or polo shirt Black or grey socks	Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan White school shirt or polo shirt Blue and white school dress in summer Black, grey or white socks or tights
Our school tie is optional Black school shoes that fasten securely with a low heel.	
PE White T-shirt, royal blue shorts, plimsolls or trainers. A tracksuit may be worn in the winter for outside lessons.	

Please ensure all uniform is named. Misplaced items can then quickly be returned. No jewellery should be worn to school except for religious reasons. Please write to the Headteacher if you wish to request this.

We ask that children have their PE kits in school Monday through to Friday.

Attendance

If your child is to achieve and fulfill their potential, they must be in school on time everyday.

Your child's target for attendance is 95% for the year. This equates to only a handful of days off during the course of the whole year.

Please also ensure your child is on time to school each day. We love winning the time keeping monkey in year 6 and need everyone in time every day!

It is of the utmost important for your child to be in school EVERY day and on time EVERY day, as we do not have a minute to waste, with SATs week looming on 8th May 2017!

